

in projects that we can't fund because of a lack of funds, and as I also see it, I see the federal government stepping aside and not appropriating money and one of our biggest problems in the State of Nebraska is our water problem. So as I see it, we do need money in this particular budget to supplement and to get some of these projects off of the drawing board, and what I am doing, I am taking \$500,000 off of the conservation fund and putting it in the discretionary fund leaving the development fund at the same figure that it is in the appropriations bill and then adding another \$500,000 to the discretionary fund to be used either in the conservation fund or the development fund. There are several funds, development projects are appropriated and all the money that is there is already appropriated for development fund and these funds are allocated to eleven different basins in our district or in the State of Nebraska and we have a total of thirteen basins so you can see it is pretty well spread throughout the whole State of Nebraska. I do feel that we have got to do something about getting these water projects going. We have got to save the water in the State of Nebraska and I feel this is very urgent that we increase this to \$500,000 and that is what it amounts to. It'd increase to the appropriation budget of \$500,000, taking \$500,000 from the conservation fund and creating this \$1 million then in the discretionary fund. I also notice that the Governor sent a bill to the Appropriations Committee to take a portion of the cigarette tax for the development fund. This was killed in committee, so if they killed that, such a committee maybe they want to take it out of the general fund. So again it is a good reason to get some money from the general fund for this purpose. If they don't want to use this money, let's get it from the general fund. So I move the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, we are speaking to the Sieck amendment.

SENATOR MURPHY: Well, I would rise to differ with my good friend Senator Sieck. The history of the NRD is a beautiful story of bureaucracy that started with a bunch of innocent little watersheds who wanted to combine their efforts, fund their own conservation procedures by assessing the property benefited. We now have a combination of Game and Parks, Water Recreation, the whole bit, and we still call it NRD. I personally had the experience in my own NRD of having my county provide seventy percent of the funds to create a recreational area, Mud Flats, down by Tekamah. The only way they could do it was with a recreational cost ratio basis and the justification was that the people in Omaha needed a